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allocate on a business-like basis which I'm a member of that group. If heavy restrictions are unconstitutional, the rest of the bill should stand up and I urge your support for LB 587.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the amendment? Alright, Senator Kennedy, you can close then on your motion.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I would speak again, Mr. President and fellow members, briefly to the subject that I'm well acquainted with, some of the fuel suppliers, particularly in our area. I had a call yesterday from a supplier, a Mobile dealer and it's been in his family for 35 years from Tilden, Nebraska and he does supply a good majority of farmers. Now the Federal people have said they want to help agriculture and it shall be priority number one. We have come into a sudden situation that we need irrigation and this seems strange after the extreme wet weather but a lot of irrigation pumps are running and we do not have diesel fuel in that area. Another family supplier at St. Edward, Nebraska has bought fuel at .6¢ over. Now we started out with 14.9 diesel fuel price early this spring and the supplier told me yesterday on the phone that, this would be the Mobile dealer, that he had to charge .30¢ blackmarket to deliver this diesel fuel. Now this bill, I feel, may give some pressure and some assistance and I just received a phone call in the last few minutes, I'm going to follow through right after lunch, that I think we may have an opportunity to bring some fuel into the Midwest here and they have set up an office in Denver. We're going to try and contact them right after lunch and maybe we'll have some, some fuel supplied immediately and this is what we need. We can't wait for 10 day--it must be done at once. Any questions? If not, I move that, that we, Senator Maresh.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, he was closing--do you have a question of order?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I would have a question of Senator Kennedy. Is there any danger that fuel from outstate might divert--be diverted to some other state because Nebraska would have this law? This was brought up at the meeting that we attended but we, is the Federal Government doing anything to make sure the fuel goes to the states where it was allocated before?

SENATOR KENNEDY: This is my understanding just a few minutes ago on the telephone that they are going to try and insist that those companies that have been supplying this fuel will continue to do this and it's still more or less a volunteer--we'll have to see how that works out after my phone call after lunch, but there is some companies that are intending to pull out and we feel this may stop them or we hope that it will.

SENATOR MARESH: You don't think there's any danger that this bill would hurt Nebraska then?

SENATOR KENNEDY: No I don't at this time. I feel that it, it would assist us in the only way possible with this emergency.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer. I announced a while ago that Senator Kennedy was closing at that time. If you have any